

§ 2503. Technical assistance**(a) In general**

With funds appropriated to carry out this section, the Secretary shall make grants to community-based organizations to provide technical assistance to employers and labor unions selected under subsection (b) of this section. Such technical assistance may include—

- (1) developing outreach and orientation sessions to recruit women into the employers' apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations;
- (2) developing preapprenticeable occupations or nontraditional skills training to prepare women for apprenticeable occupations or nontraditional occupations;
- (3) providing ongoing orientations for employers, unions, and workers on creating a successful environment for women in apprenticeable occupations or nontraditional occupations;
- (4) setting up support groups and facilitating networks for women in nontraditional occupations on or off the job site to improve their retention;
- (5) setting up a local computerized data base referral system to maintain a current list of tradeswomen who are available for work;
- (6) serving as a liaison between tradeswomen and employers and tradeswomen and labor unions to address workplace issues related to gender; and
- (7) conducting exit interviews with tradeswomen to evaluate their on-the-job experience and to assess the effectiveness of the program.

(b) Selection of employer and labor unions

The Secretary shall select a total of 50 employers or labor unions to receive technical assistance provided with grants made under subsection (a) of this section.

(Pub. L. 102-530, § 4, Oct. 27, 1992, 106 Stat. 3466.)

§ 2504. Competitive grants**(a) In general**

Each community-based organization that desires to receive a grant to provide technical assistance under section 2503(a) of this title to employers and labor unions shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

(b) Priority

In awarding grants under section 2503(a) of this title, the Secretary shall give priority to applications from community-based organizations that—

- (1) demonstrate experience preparing women to gain employment in apprenticeable occupations or other nontraditional occupations;
- (2) demonstrate experience working with the business community to prepare them to place women in apprenticeable occupations or other nontraditional occupations;
- (3) have tradeswomen or women in nontraditional occupations as active members of the organization, as either employed staff or board members; and
- (4) have experience delivering technical assistance.

(Pub. L. 102-530, § 5, Oct. 27, 1992, 106 Stat. 3467.)

§ 2505. Applications

To be eligible to be selected under section 2503(b) of this title to receive technical assistance provided with grants made under section 2503(a) of this title, an employer or labor union shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner and containing or accompanied by such information as the Secretary may reasonably require. At a minimum, the application should include—

- (1) a description of the need for technical assistance;
- (2) a description of the types of apprenticeable occupations or nontraditional occupations in which the employer or labor union would like to train or employ women;
- (3) assurances that there are or will be suitable and appropriate positions available in the apprenticeable occupations program or in the nontraditional occupations being targeted; and
- (4) commitments that reasonable efforts shall be made to place qualified women in apprenticeable occupations or nontraditional occupations.

(Pub. L. 102-530, § 6, Oct. 27, 1992, 106 Stat. 3467.)

§ 2506. Liaison role of Department of Labor

The Department of Labor shall serve as a liaison among employers, labor unions, and community-based organizations. The liaison role may include—

- (1) coordination of employers, labor unions, and community-based organizations with respect to technical assistance provided under section 2503(a) of this title;
- (2) conducting regular assessment meetings with representatives of employers, labor unions, and community-based organizations with respect to such technical assistance; and
- (3) seeking the input of employers and labor unions with respect to strategies and recommendations for improving such technical assistance.

(Pub. L. 102-530, § 7, Oct. 27, 1992, 106 Stat. 3467.)

§ 2507. Study of barriers to participation of women in apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations**(a) Study**

With funds available to the Secretary to carry out the operations of the Department of Labor in fiscal years 1994 and 1995, the Secretary shall conduct a study of the participation of women in apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations. The study shall examine—

- (1) the barriers to participation of women in apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations;
- (2) strategies for overcoming such barriers;
- (3) the retention rates for women in apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations;
- (4) strategies for retaining women in apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations;
- (5) the effectiveness of the technical assistance provided by the community-based organizations; and

(6) other relevant issues affecting the participation of women in apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations.

(b) Report

Not later than 2 years after October 27, 1992, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report containing a summary of the results of the study described in subsection (a) of this section and such recommendations as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

(Pub. L. 102-530, § 8, Oct. 27, 1992, 106 Stat. 3467.)

§ 2508. Definitions

For purposes of this chapter:

(1) The term “community-based organization” means a community-based organization as defined in section 4(5) of the Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1501(5)),¹ that has demonstrated experience administering programs that train women for apprenticeable occupations or other nontraditional occupations.

(2) The term “nontraditional occupation” means jobs in which women make up 25 percent or less of the total number of workers in that occupation.

(3) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Labor.

(Pub. L. 102-530, § 9, Oct. 27, 1992, 106 Stat. 3468.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 4(5) of the Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1501(5)), referred to in par. (1), was classified to section 1503(5) of this title and was repealed by Pub. L. 105-220, title I, § 199(b)(2), (c)(2)(B), Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1059, effective July 1, 2000. Pursuant to section 2940(b) of this title, references to a provision of the Job Training Partnership Act, effective Aug. 7, 1998, are deemed to refer to that provision or the corresponding provision of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-220, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 936, and effective July 1, 2000, are deemed to refer to the corresponding provision of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. For complete classification of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 9201 of Title 20, Education, and Tables.

§ 2509. Technical assistance program authorization

There is authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 to carry out section 2503 of this title.

(Pub. L. 102-530, § 10, Oct. 27, 1992, 106 Stat. 3468.)

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(a) Findings

Congress finds that—

(1) the number of single-parent households and two-parent households in which the single parent or both parents work is increasing significantly;

(2) it is important for the development of children and the family unit that fathers and mothers be able to participate in early child-rearing and the care of family members who have serious health conditions;

(3) the lack of employment policies to accommodate working parents can force individuals to choose between job security and parenting;

(4) there is inadequate job security for employees who have serious health conditions that prevent them from working for temporary periods;

(5) due to the nature of the roles of men and women in our society, the primary responsibility for family caretaking often falls on women, and such responsibility affects the working lives of women more than it affects the working lives of men; and

(6) employment standards that apply to one gender only have serious potential for encouraging employers to discriminate against employees and applicants for employment who are of that gender.

(b) Purposes

It is the purpose of this Act—

(1) to balance the demands of the workplace with the needs of families, to promote the stability and economic security of families, and to promote national interests in preserving family integrity;

(2) to entitle employees to take reasonable leave for medical reasons, for the birth or adoption of a child, and for the care of a child, spouse, or parent who has a serious health condition;

(3) to accomplish the purposes described in paragraphs (1) and (2) in a manner that accommodates the legitimate interests of employers;

(4) to accomplish the purposes described in paragraphs (1) and (2) in a manner that, consistent with the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, minimizes the potential for employment discrimination on the basis of sex by ensuring generally that leave is available for eligible medical reasons (including maternity-related disability) and for compelling family reasons, on a gender-neutral basis; and

(5) to promote the goal of equal employment opportunity for women and men, pursuant to such clause.

¹ See References in Text note below.